

# Introduction

Reprinted in this volume are seven out-of-print books that are not only intrinsically interesting but also potentially useful to genealogists, historians, and social scientists who are engaged in research on either individuals and families from northeastern Pennsylvania or the history of northeastern Pennsylvania.

We have chosen to reprint these seven books for one reason: they are the standard works on the topics in question.

Three of these books have been out of print for one hundred years or more: (1) History of the Township of Mount Pleasant..., published in 1856, (2) The Descendants of Joseph Loomis..., published in 1875, and (3) Catalogue of "Ridge Farm" Herd..., date of publication is not given on the published copy, but internal evidence suggests that this catalogue was published in 1881 or 1882; the copy of this work in the Ridge Farm Library is the only extant copy of this important catalogue that is known to us.

Centennial History First Presbyterian Church..., although published in 1929, was published in a very limited edition and was out of print shortly after it was published. Ancestry of Ora Loomis Russell... was privately published in 1955 and was never available to the general public. It is included herein because Ora Loomis Russell and Edna Loomis Loomis are descendants of pioneer families of northeastern Pennsylvania, and many of the descendants of Ora Loomis Russell presently reside in northeastern Pennsylvania. The Descendants of Joseph Loomis..., a monumental genealogical work on all accounts, is herein included because many of the descendants of Joseph Loomis settled in northeastern Pennsylvania in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and because many of their descendants presently reside in northeastern Pennsylvania.

A Comparison of Lord Chesterfield's Letters to His Son with the Conduct Books of the Sixteenth Century is included herein because its author, Edna P. Loomis, was born and raised in Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA.